

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 0.0204 Ha forest land (**FP/TG/OTHERS/452513/2023**) for Construction of 4G Mobile tower under Govt. of India – Department of Telecommunications – Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for provision of 4G Mobile service at Isukamedu village, Mahabubabad Division, falling in Mahabubabad District Telangana, in favour of M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited - Final (Stage.II) approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 57

Dated: 10-06-2025

Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S, Hyd., Ref.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/52/2023-FCA Section, Dt:16.10.2023.
- 2.Govt.Lr.No.4421/For.I(1)/2023, dt:21-10-2023.
- 3.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub Regional Office, Hyderabad, Dt.28.11.2024.
- 4.From PCCF(HoFF), T.G. Hyd, Lr.No.FC3/FC15/52/2023-FCA, Dt.22.05.2025.
- 5.Govt.Letter.No.4421/For.I(1)/2023, Dt.26.05.2025.
- 6.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office, Hyd., dt.02.06.2025.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 0.0204 Ha forest land for Construction of 4G Mobile tower under Govt. of India – Department of Telecommunications – Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for provision of 4G Nobile service at Isukamedu village, Mahabubabad Division, falling in Mahabubabad District Telangana, in favour of M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the said proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have forwarded the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal (**FP/TG/OTHERS/452513/2023**) under Section-2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of 0.0204 Ha forest land for Construction of 4G Mobile tower under Govt. of India – Department of Telecommunications – Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for provision of 4G Nobile service at Isukamedu village, Mahabubabad Division, falling in Mahabubabad District Telangana, in favour of M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged

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1.2	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.0204 Ha
1.3	The compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost within a period of three years from the date of grant of 'Final' approval;
1.4	The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
1.5	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
1.6	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
1.7	The lay out plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.8	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.9	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.10	The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
1.11	The cost of felling of trees, if any, shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
1.12	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
1.13	The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
1.14	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 29.12.2023.

2. Standard conditions

S. No	Conditions
2.1	Compensatory afforestation for raising 100 seedlings shall be implemented by the State Government identified in Comp.No.176, Garla RF, Bayaram Beat and Section of Bayyaram Range, Mahabubabad division and district as per approved CA scheme.
2.2	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on thee-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS id.

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3. Specific Conditions

S. No	Conditions
3.1	The User Agency shall provide CA in NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023, which is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Forest Department shall ensure that an undertaking from the user agency is obtained in this regard.

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evar Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator Forests (HoFF),
Telangana, Hyderabad.

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The Inspector General of Forests(C),Sub Office, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad,
Regional Office, Chennai, 6th Floor, Aranya bhavan, Hyderabad.

The M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Telangana.

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SECTION OFFICER